Reply of Government.—The question of reducing the commission was considered by Government in January 1905, and it was deemed inexpedient to do so.

SUBJECT No. 63.

Inspection of stamp vendors' registers by Special Sub-Registrars.

Messrs. Balavanta Rao, Arsikere Taluk; and Varada Iyengar, Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that Special Sub-Registrars may be empowered to inspect stamp vendors' registers.

Reply of Government.—No objection. This may be done.

SUBJECT No. 64.

Tax on kanas should be abolished.

Messrs. Sowcar Nagappa, Manjaiya Udaparu, Nagar Taluk; Pedachavalli Sannegowda, Manjarabad Taluk.

REVENUE.

Summary of discussion.—Assessment on kanas should be abolished, as the raiyats use these for harvesting crop and storing fodder, fuel, hay, etc. They have no sufficient space attached to their houses for these purposes.

Reply of Government.—The opinions of the Revenue Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga have been called for. They will be asked to expedite their reports and submit them for early decision.

SUBJECT No. 65.

Revision of assessment on well irrigated dry lands.

Mr. Chikkannaiya, Goribidnur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—At the original Survey Settlement the assessment on dry lands containing wells constructed by the owners thereof at their own cost was not disturbed even though wet crops were raised by means of wells standing thereon. Many such wells have been constructed on dry lands at a large outlay. The raiyats are now afraid that such lands containing private wells will be brought under garden assessment at the revision Survey. Orders may be passed that dry assessment already made may not be disturbed in such cases.

Reply of Government.—There is apparently some misapprehension. The rules are based on liberal lines. In the case of self-dependent wells, the lands are assessed at simple dry-crop rates. In the case of wells deriving their supply directly or by percolation from water flowing in defined channels or tanks, they are assessed at the highest dry rates. Where the lands are irrigated directly from the tank or the channel, and the well is only supplementary, the assessment is on merits. The rules will be published as official papers in the Gazette.

SUBJECT No. 66.

Abolition of the wet rates of assessment on rice-growing lands in the beds of saguvalikattes constructed at private cost.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Harihar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rice-growing lands in the beds of saguvalikattes constructed at private cost are assessed at wet rates. On the assessment so fixed, local and irrigation cesses are also collected. This assessment should be abolished. If this is not possible, the irrigation cess at least should be dispensed with.

Reply of Government.—Nothing need be done in this matter. Individual grievances, if any, may be represented and they will be enquired into.